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SUBJECT: DEMARCHES ON UNGA RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE
SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CHILDREN IN LEBANON,
ANTI-ISRAEL UN BODIES

REF: A. A) SECSTATE 176793

[1](#)B. B) SECSTATE 178061

1) (U) On October 30, Econ Chief delivered demarche and non-paper attachments in reftel A and B to Deputy Director General Joachim ANVIRE of UN Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2) (SBU) Concerning reftel A, ANVIRE indicated that issues concerning Lebanon are particularly sensitive to Cote d'Ivoire, considering the country's large and commercially influential Lebanese contingent. The government of Cote d'Ivoire is therefore attentive to the suffering of the Lebanese people, and in general is disposed to vote for resolutions made on their behalf. However, in this instance, recognizing Cuba's willingness to exploit issues in order to put the U.S. in an uncomfortable position, ANVIRE said he would explore with the Ivorian Mission at the UN as well as his superiors at the MFA whether Cote d'Ivoire could abstain from upcoming votes on UNGA Agenda Items 63(a) (The Situation of the Lebanese Children) and 67(b) (Consequences of the Israeli Invasion on the Human Rights Situation in Lebanon).

3) (SBU) Econ Chief also discussed talking points in reftel [1](#)B. ANVIRE said he would communicate his government's position on the continuing appropriateness of the referenced anti-Israel bodies once his government has had the opportunity to consider the matter.
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